

King's Children.

FROM TWELVE MILE, IND.

Our society of King's Children which we organized at Corinth in October, is progressing very nicely. We started in the work with some thirty members, with an addition of ten members, all of whom take an interest in the work. We have both a Senior and Junior class. The Juniors lead the meeting every two weeks. In this they are doing a grand work. General attendance is good, and has active workers. May all King's Children societies continue to grow in the good work.

DELPHA CROOK.

Sisters' S. C. E.

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READ AT THE MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

There is no nation upon the face of the globe that has more real cause for gratitude and earnest thankfulness than that of our own country. Everywhere around us we are constantly reminded of God's goodness towards us, and the means employed with which to win souls to Christ. All our hearts surely rejoice, not only at the thousands of accessions to the churches everywhere in all denominations—but at the many ways in which christian soldiers may do something for their God, thus adding star after star to their crown of righteousness to be worn through all eternity.

In this line of thought we have very beautifully portrayed our own little Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor, of our Roanoke city church. This society was organized with about twelve members, fourteen months ago, and although very few of them have been able to work a great deal, the others are no less devoted to the cause, and are sincere in what they do. About twenty dollars has been made and the work was done with willing hands and anxious hearts, and it is being used for home missions. It is the earnest desire of each of the members to do something for the sister's society, and to give their little contributions to missions in greatest need. In most instances home missions should be remembered first. In our country the call for missionaries is not so great as in heathen nations. Still there is always a place very much in need of a donation, however great or small. This money is used also to alleviate the wretched conditions of our poverty stricken friends. A very small amount, with a kind word, and a careful instruction pointing the way toward heaven will turn the face of a wayward soul toward the eternal city, also causing a rich benediction from our Father to rest upon our heads.

Our Christian Endeavor has organized societies in many of the states and all report good work and an expenditure of the funds for good causes.

All churches have these societies and are constantly increasing the funds for foreign missions. These missionaries are educated and sent to heathen countries where their light shines with a brilliancy exceeded only by that of our Saviour. They devote their entire lives to the Master's cause among the heathens, thus spreading the Gospel truths everywhere. We have no heathens in our own land, but there are thousands who are no less subjects for pity and are needful of every effort upon our part to assist them over the rugged path they have chosen to a safer and smoother one.

In these societies everyone, whether a church member or not, is given an equal chance to work. There is always something to do, therefore do not hesitate to bear your portion of the burden. "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," says our Savior. A work done with willing hands and christian intentions is never irksome.

The Savior's time upon this earth was devoted to the consideration of the welfare of his associates, thus exemplifying the line of work his followers are to perform. "By their works shall ye know them." "Let your light so shine that all men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

The world will be conquered for Christ. This is as He intended. The church has reorganized the influence of young people's work in these and foreign fields, and is giving them encouragement to take up the work in every department. Are we going to stand by and see millions of souls perish for the aid of a helping hand? No, we love to see our own beloved denomination increase too well. Now suppose we take the money used in proselyting, and substantiate the mission cause we will some day realize our fond anticipations. Perhaps you think we are too weak; but if our little division of God's mighty forces—the Brethren church—was really baptized with the Holy Spirit we would have a comparatively short time until we should reap our rich rewards. "God loveth a cheerful giver." "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." This was his last commandment. It was given with the same intent as the one on baptism and if we do not heed, are we not in danger of "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and teach men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven? If times are hard, deny yourself of a luxury now and then, and contribute that much to your society fund.

It never seems hard to contribute to your lodge fund or to any pleasurable society; but we so often see the path to the missionary box paved with rough stones. But God works wonders, and employs agents of those who love him as a means of spreading the truths.

The man of sorrows laid the corner stone for a temple to be erected upon this earth by his most faithful followers.

The S. S. C. E. is one of the anti-rooms to this mighty structure which will not be complete until the last trump shall sound; when He shall say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Missionary Items.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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THE LAMENT OF A MISSIONARY BOX.

Forgotten and forlorn I live,
Upon a dusty shelf,
And feel so downcast and so sad
I hardly know myself;
A missionary box am I
And better days have seen,
For copper, silver, yes and gold
Within my walls have been.

Now I am empty, no not quite,
For something you may hear
A mournful jingle from my depths
By pennies made, I fear;
I scorn not pennies, no indeed,
Their worth too well I know,
But twopence only in a box
Does make one's spirits low.

The missionaries say indeed
That pence to pounds soon grow,
But older people ought to give
We want our money so.
And thus, in emptiness I wait
And dustier grow each day.
While heedless of my silent plea
You round me work and play.

My words are poor and weak at best,
I know not how to plead,
But look upon the distant fields
"To harvests white" indeed;
The heathen be in thickest gloom
Do you need a stronger plea,
Then listen to His voice who said—
"Ye did it unto me."

The smallest offerings for His sake
Into the treasury given.
He with an eye of love will note
And own one day in heaven;
And even here you'll have His smile
While you the words believe
That far "more blessed 'tis to give
Than only "to receive."

—The Juvenile.

WORK OF CALIFORNIA MISSION BOARD.

After a rest from camp-meeting labor, the Mission Board engaged Eld. P. S. Garman to do some evangelistic work. The first meeting called for was by the Chaparel brethren which commenced Friday evening, Sept. 28, and closed Oct. 7.

There were no immediate accessions, but the members were built up and encouraged and we feel that was good spiritual food scattered upon the waters.

TURLOCK MEETINGS.

Oct. 8, on his way to Turlock, Brother Garmen stopped off at Stockton and visited a good old conservative, Brother Henry Hanes. During his short stay, Miss Nancy Hanes made up her mind it was her duty to fall in with God's people, and was baptized and her name is entered in the book of the church.

Meetings commenced in the Congregational church in Turlock, Oct. 11th, and closed on the 22nd. The congregations were good and attentive at every service. "He left too soon" was the general talk af-